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PLAT OF DOUBLED WHEAT STRAW.

The SILVER CERES MEDAL was this session given to Mrs. LOWREY, of Exeter, for a bonnet made of doubled wheat straw.

IN common plat, of split straw, the folds are alternately shining and dull, on account of their presenting to view alternately the outside and inside of the straw. In the candidate's plat each single straw is replaced by a double one, consisting of two pieces having the shining or external surface of each placed outside ; the consequence of which is a plat with a high degree of lustre, which varies according to its position in respect to the light.